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# STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MAY 1 2 2017

Minutes: Regular Meeting April 13, 2017 STANHOPE

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:37PM by Chairperson John Rogalo with flag salute.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:** In compliance with the New Jersey Assembly Bill no. 1030, notice for this meeting was sent to the *New Jersey Herald* and the *Daily Record* on January 12, 2017 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same day.

ROLL CALL: Present: John Rogalo, Nicole Member, Owen Newson,

Michael Balogh

Absent: Jason Heymer

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 9, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion made by Mike Balogh and seconded by John Rogalo. UC

#### **OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Anthony Riccardi of 4 Lawrence Avenue attended the meeting. He is interested in running for borough council and wanted to observe an Environmental Commission meeting to see what we do.

# **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### Received:

Skylands Visitor: Spring 2017

3/22/17: Valley Road School: Invitation to Arbor Day celebration

3/24/17: ANJEC: membership benefits

3/29/17: Brian McNeilly: Finance committee response to EC letter (E-mail)

**Sent:** None

A motion was made to accept the correspondence by John Rogalo and seconded by Nicole Member. UC

## **CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

New Trail Focus: Discussion was held on the trail behind the Lutheran Church. Owen said he did not send the letter to Council re easement as requested by EC because he was not sure where the trail was and hesitated to write about a trail he was unfamiliar with. He stated he walked it the other day and found the trail not well established. Nicole stated that the trail is listed in the borough trail plan and should be pursued for further development. Owen agreed and will write the letter to Council this month requesting Council approach the Lutheran Church for said easement.

# Clean Communities Day:

Clean-Up Day is Sunday, April 23rd from 1-3PM. John and Nicole will be stationed at the Valley Road School. Owen and Mike will be stationed at Lakeside Park. John will bring water for his station and Owen will bring water for his station. Mike spoke with Jack at Bell's and he is expecting volunteers to come for refreshment at around 3:15. Nicole will provide paperwork for both stations and Owen will provide gloves, bags, vests for both stations. Owen will contact Brian so the event will be publicized on the borough electronic sign and sent via Nixle.

# Tree Plaque for Lorraine Bender:

Owen spoke with Paula of Shade Tree Commission. They still do not have a standard design for tree dedication plaques. The EC therefore agreed that they should purchase their own plaque for Lorraine. Owen will investigate purchase.

# Facebook: Topic for Month:

Nicole will contact Brian and ask him to post information regarding the Clean-Up and Greenvision electronics recycling.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

Lakeside Park plantings: On hold.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval: No movement

**Tent purchase:** The Finance committee rejected our proposal for an EC tent purchase. They recommended we use borough tents found in storage shed at Musconetcong Park playground.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2016 Environmental Commission Annual Report was reviewed and approved. Motion made by Mike Balogh and seconded by John Rogalo UC

#### BILLS:

None

# **LIAISON REPORTS:**

Board of Health: March 8th minutes were received with no comment.

Mayor and Council:

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:** John reported that a satisfactory location for lake weed disposal is still unresolved.

Land Use Board:

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

**Musconetcong Sewage Authority:** 

**Recreation Commission:** Mike suggested that we reserve on-loan displays, games and crafts from ANJEC for Rec. Comm. Family Fun Day. He cited an article stating availability in the latest *ANJEC Report*. (Winter 2017)

**Shade Tree Commission:** 

Plaster Mill: Water Quality:

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57PM Motion by Owen Newson and seconded by Nicole Member. UC

Respectfully submitted, Owen Newson, Secretary

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